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Welcome to Yearly Meeting

What an important Yearly Meeting this will be! We will hear reports from the first sessions of North Pacific Yearly Meeting in Olympia, Washington. And we will hear from our members in New Mexico and Arizona Regional Meetings as they plan their move to new affiliations and responsibilities.

We will look around at one another to assess our own identity and our new opportunities and responsibilities. "What does the Lord ask of me?"

This is the year we feel most keenly our membership in the whole Religious Society of Friends though the Friends World Committee for Consultation when we send Judy Bruff, Peg Jump and Bob Vogel directly from our sessions to the Triennial Meetings of the FWCC at Sidney, Australia. And the FWCC is sharply confronting our Yearly Meeting with its responsibility to this world committee's increasing number of projects.

We look forward to the visit of Howard Bartram, head of the Friends General Conference, and of Tom and Nan Brown of the Friends Education Conference. These Friends will be with us throughout the Yearly Meeting.

Last year's education program at Yearly Meeting resembled a Renaissance Faire of Quakers of all ages. So we look forward to this year's volunteer happening—an educational program which calls on friendship as "an act of pure intention."

Our hearts will be full at St. Mary's with memories of Howard Brinton. We've grown accustomed to the Brinton spirit in our sessions. This year we will bring that spirit in our words and our silences, in our gentleness, our discipline, our loving memories. Elizabeth Gray Vining has written: "I see him now; with his white hair and frail, spare body, he was like a beautiful, translucent shell through whom the Light shone."

And we will have ready for distribution our new "Faith and Practice." With all this and *you* at St. Mary's College let us look forward to a time of nourishing love and peace.

EDWIN A. SANDERS
Clerk, PYM

Faith and Practice

The new Pacific Yearly Meeting "Discipline" is here, wearing a new deep blue and white cover and a new title. *Faith and Practice: A Quaker Guide to Christian Discipline*, is an enlargement and revision of the edition of 1965, which in turn was based on revisions of 1962, 1957 and 1952 of the original plan of organization adopted at Palo Alto in 1947.

The appearance of type face and page make-up is greatly improved. Careful editing has improved paragraphing and sentence structure. Sections are rearranged and cross-references seem more helpfully located in the text.

Time now does not allow review or comment on the substantive additions to the new *Faith and Practice*. The "statements of Friends" have increased from 35 to 65 in this edition. They are well chosen, giving us more of the weight and beauty of London Yearly Meeting's *Christian Faith and Practice*. We will be surprised and moved

by the quality of the ten selections from PYM writings which are printed in this section for the first time.

New topics reflect this Discipline Committee's many meetings for discussion: "Social Order," "Marriage", "Fulfilling the Later Years", "Death of a Beloved Person" and "How Friends Make Decisions." The Index is a more useful and better organized tool now, one of the best marks of a well edited publication.

One wishes that it had identified the Discipline Committee which has seen this edition into print, although there are many others who have contributed to the Committee's work. The present committee is: Lowell Tozer, Chairman, Catherine Bruner, Charles Cooper, Arlene Hobson, Ferner Nuhn, Gregory Berleman, William Bruff, Joan Christopherson, Joachim Leppmann, and Molly Morgenroth.

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Memorials

OTTO SCHNEIDER. Otto Schneider of University Friends Meeting died on April 3, 1973. He was a machinist who was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1927. He and his wife, Cora, who died in 1968, had been members of University Meeting for many years. Otto is survived by a son, Dean, also a member of University Meeting. Memorial Meeting was held at University Meeting on April 15, 1973.

HOWARD HAINES BRINTON. Howard Haines Brinton, beloved of many Friends, died Monday, April 8, 1973, in Philadelphia. Howard is held dear by Friends in west coast Yearly Meetings, and has long been called the "father" of Pacific Yearly Meeting. Born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, Howard and his wife Anna, who pre-deceased him, were well known throughout Friends Meetings in the United States. Those in attendance at PYM during the last few years will easily recall the tender spirit and loving heart of this dear Friend. We rejoice in his life and light, and our thoughts go out to his wife, Yuki, and his son, Ed, a member of La Jolla Monthly Meeting.

Births

To Lynda (Ric) and Dennis Lee of Honolulu Meeting on April 23, 1973, a son, Christian Chung Hong.

To Penelope and Ron Trotter Raitt of Orange Grove Meeting on June 22, 1973, a son, Christopher Matthew, weighing in at 7 pounds and 6 ounces, 20½ inches in length.

Hospitality ?

Friends in need of early hospitality prior to PYM should contact Micki Graham or Nancy Springer, 3218 Baker Street, Berkeley, CA 94702. Their telephone is (415) 658-5789.

FOR SALE OR FOR USE: Honolulu Friends Meeting has 5 acres on Vashon Island, Washington, undeveloped, with right of way to road, secondary growth of trees, near bluff which drops into Puget Sound.

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PYM Tentative Schedule

Monday, July 30	
2:00–5:30 pm	Standing Committees (at call of clerks)
7:00–9:30 pm	Meeting for Worship Representative Committee (1)

Tuesday, July 31	
8:30–10:30 am	Representative Committee (2)
11:00–12:00 am	Standing Committees
2:00–3:30 pm	Yearly Meeting Session (I) Family Gathering Roll Call Introduction of visitors Orientation
4:00–5:00 pm	Yearly Meeting Session (II) Meeting for Worship
7:30–9:30 pm	Yearly Meeting Session (III) Nominating Committee Report Ministry and Oversight

Wednesday, August 1	
8:15–9:30 am	Worship-Fellowship Groups
10:00–12:00 am	Yearly Meeting Session (IV) FWC Triennial Faith and Life Conference Theology Conferences
1:30–2:30 pm	Yearly Meeting Session (V) Memorials
3:15–5:00 pm	Interest Groups Clerks' Meeting (1)
7:30–9:30 pm	Yearly Meeting Session (VI) Representative Committee Peace Committee

Thursday, August 2	
8:15–9:30 am	Worship-Fellowship Groups
10:00–12:00 am	Yearly Meeting Session (VII) Friend in the Orient Consultative Committee Social Action Committee
1:00–3:00 pm	Arts and Crafts
1:30–3:00 pm	Interest Groups Clerks' Meeting (2)
3:30–4:30 pm	Yearly Meeting Session (VIII) Meeting for Worship
7:30–9:00 pm	Yearly Meeting Session (IX) Special

Friday, August 3	
8:15–9:30 am	Worship-Fellowship
10:00–12:00 am	Representative Committee (3)
10:30–12:00 am	Arts and Crafts
1:30–3:30 pm	Yearly Meeting Session (X) Reading of the Epistle Budget
3:45–5:15 pm	Interest Groups
7:30 pm	Family Night

Saturday, August 4	
8:15–9:30 am	Worship-Fellowship Groups
9:45–10:45 am	Yearly Meeting Session (XI) Nominating Committee Reading the Epistle Reading of Junior Friends Epistle Reading of Young Friends Epistle
11:00–12:00 am	Yearly Meeting Session (XII) Meeting for Worship Closing Minute
1:30–3:00 pm	Executive & Representative Committees Arrangement & Planning Committees Evaluation Session

Friends will note that the Tentative Schedule for Yearly Meeting this year provides for more unscheduled time, for a fourth Worship-Fellowship Group meeting, for an unannounced evening session on Thursday, August 2, and for an extra Meeting for Worship in the afternoon on Thursday. This planning has been done in response to requests from Friends that we have more time at Yearly Meeting for fellowship and worship.

SHIRLEY TWEED, Clerk
Agenda Review Committee
Assistant Clerk PYM

Marriages

BERLEMAN-JUMP. Gregory Thompson Berleman of University Meeting in Seattle and Janet Jump of Multnomah Meeting in Portland were married on May 12, 1973, in Forest Park, Portland, Oregon, under the joint care of Multnomah and University Monthly Meetings. Janet is the daughter of Ellis and Margaret Jump of Multnomah, and Gregory is the son of Clarence Leslie Thompson and Rosemary Thompson Berleman.

PINNEY-SEXTON. Julia Pinney of Orange Grove Meeting in Pasadena and Ronnie Sexton were married June 2, 1973, in Altadena, California, in the Cobb Estate area of the Angeles National Forest. Julia is the daughter of Ralph and Dorothy Pinney of Orange Grove Meeting, and Ronnie is the son of Edward and Dorothy Sexton of Duarte, California.



Friend in the Orient

The year started out auspiciously, but turned out to be one of uncertainty and frustration. The committee was pleased with the prospect of Sang Dal Cha serving in his native land, Korea, as the Friend in the Orient. The Yearly Meeting had given its hearty approval.

Sang Dal Cha was in need of a physical examination which might call for surgery, and suggested that in the event it became necessary, he delay his going until the worst of the Korean winter had passed. Convalescence, he thought, might be retarded in the colder climate of Korea.

Surgery proved unnecessary, but by the time that became known an unexpected turn of events in South Korea raised questions about the possibility of Sang Dal getting a visa, or if he did, whether the situation would permit any meaningful witness as the Friend in the Orient. The situation was that Chung Hee Park in October had set up a constitutional dictatorship and proclaimed martial law. Word came that certain religious leaders, including Ham Sok Hon, were imprisoned. Later reports stated that he was not in prison but under house arrest and closely watched.

An application for a visa might have determined whether a Friend in the Orient, who happened to be a native Korean with American citizenship, would be welcome. Sang Dal Cha, however, preferred first to get more information about the political climate in his native land. In a letter to Ham Sok Hon he submitted a list of questions. The reply brought no answer to his questions. This substantiated reports of the fear and gloom that had settled upon the people because of the government's drastic efforts to deal with all dissent.

Janice Clevenger, of the FWCC, who went to Korea during the winter was asked to report on conditions under the Park dictatorship. She too exercised restraint in her letters and threw no light on the question whether it was advisable for Sang Dal Cha to go.

Our committee met for three hours in an evening session on March 3 in Pasadena and carefully reviewed the situation. We had the benefit of the counsel of Yoon-Gu Lee, one of the founding members of the Seoul Friends Meeting, who has strong contacts with Friends and other Koreans wherever he has lived outside Korea. After long consideration of every angle of the problem, Sang Dal Cha suggested that the plan to

send him to Korea be dropped. During the night, however, he changed his mind, and reported to the Executive Committee the following morning, that after great mental agony he came to feel he should go. He now proceeded to apply for a visa, and received from the PYM Clerk a travel minute and other papers required in applying for the visa.

Two months passed and information began to arrive which became a decisive factor in determining the outcome. In November, 1972, I received a letter from Nicola Geiger of Friendship House in Hiroshima, stating that she was contemplating service in Korea. I wrote asking her to let us have her considered judgment about the feasibility of Sang Dal Cha making any useful contribution in Korea. She made no reply to my letter until she returned from Korea to Japan at the end of April.

In her letter she wrote: "During my six weeks in Korea, I was stopped five times in the streets, and asked whether I knew Ham Sok Hon and told that they knew that I had signed the petition for release from prison for Kim Chi Ha (a young Korean poet) last year and that they didn't want me in their country. Each time I insisted on being taken to their office and asked for their name cards but each time they faded away. Many of my friends thought it would be better for me to leave Korea, others thought I should stay."

Early in May I learned that Janice Clevenger was to spend several days in Japan. Thinking that she would feel more free in Japan to give us her opinion about our problem, I wrote her there. In her reply, she said in part, "I'm afraid I do not have an answer to whether Sang Dal Cha should go to Korea at this time. The reason is I do not know what the probable situation he would find would be. . . . I did not ask Friends directly, 'Should Sang Dal Cha go to Korea?' But when I spoke to certain individuals they listened without making comment. . . ." Other things she said were no more encouraging.

No question was left in our minds when Sang Dal Cha discovered that the government authorities in Korea required that some local Korean would have to act as sponsor for Sang Dal. Neither the committee nor Sang Dal Cha would want to subject a Korean to the possible embarrassment or hardship that this might entail.

One of the values resulting from this year's experience is the information about Friends'

Other Committee Reports

Consultative Committee on Organization

No action has been requested since our report to Executive Committee in March, 1973. The Committee will need to function at St. Mary's on July 30, at 1 p.m. Location of the meeting will be posted near the Information Desk.

We expect to hear a recommendation from Pacific Northwest Quarterly Meeting. It also appears that we may hear from a representative of Pima Monthly Meeting regarding their plans. If other Meetings need our attention on July 30, it would be helpful to hear from them before that time.

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Discipline Committee

The 1973 edition of Pacific Yearly Meeting's *Faith and Practice: A Guide to Christian Discipline* (formerly the Discipline) is now available. Copies will be on sale at both Pacific Yearly Meeting and North Pacific Yearly Meeting for \$1.00 plus tax. Friends are urged to ask someone to buy a supply at Yearly Meeting to take home to their Monthly Meeting's members and attenders.

The price by mail is \$1.25, tax and postage included. Copies may be ordered from three AFSC bookstores: 980 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena, CA 91103; 2160 Lake Street, San Francisco, CA 94121; 4001 9th Avenue N.E., Seattle, WA 98105.

LOWELL TOZER, *Clerk*
Discipline Committee

Friend in the Orient (cont.)

interest in Korea in other Yearly Meetings, and the possibility of closer consultation and cooperation through the FWC. We are in constant communication now with the FWCC in Philadelphia and in London.

The Friend in the Orient Committee is taking a fresh look at its purpose, and considering various alternative proposals for the coming year. It hopes there will be satisfactory progress to report when we meet at St. Mary's in annual session.

J. STUART INNERST
Clerk

Friends Bulletin

New things are happening to your Bulletin. Friends will recall that some years ago the Friends Bulletin published a special issue entitled "Friends and the Arts." Planning is now in progress for another such issue.

For "Friends and the Arts" to become, once again, a reality, Friends must begin to prepare materials for publication. Publishable will be prose, poetry, verse, drawings, photographs, etc., so long as it can be printed and is in keeping with Friends' principles. Those Friends whose mode of expression does not permit the printing of their works, e.g. sculpture, macrame, and so on, are invited to submit reproduceable photographs of their endeavors. The issue will be published sometime after October. Monetary contributions labeled "Arts" are welcomed to help offset printing costs for this issue.

Friends with materials to submit should send them to the Bulletin for consideration. Materials will not be returnable. Please clearly label such materials as being submitted for the Friends and the Arts issue.

Also planned is an annual "Young Friends" issue. Young Friends of all ages are invited to send materials to the Bulletin for this issue, which will be a regular occurrence once a year. While the Bulletin invites contributions from Young Friends throughout the year, this special issue is to be solely for Young Friends.

I will be available to discuss any questions Friends may have about either of these issues at both North Pacific and Pacific Yearly Meetings. Your suggestions are welcomed.

DENNIS DURBY
Editor

Haiku

1

Star, moon, love, laughter
In and out
We weave and dance
Tossing colored balls.

2

Come, who am I now?
Who are you,
What is your song?
Soundless echoes ring.

GRETCHEN RUDNICK

Letting the Truth Rise...

"I do charge you all in the presence of the living God, to dwell in what you speak and profess; and none to profess what he doth not dwell in; and none to profess what he is not; a sayer and not a doer."

These words written by George Fox over three hundred years ago are descriptive of the efforts of individual Meetings of the Southern California Quarter to come to terms with the complexities and contradictions of modern life. Our Meetings reflect the life around us. We are beset by pressures of varying kinds and intensities. We all turn to our Meetings for Worship as the source of insight, courage, strength and serenity.

I. Our Problems Are Many:

How can we use the "different and very special gifts" which individuals bring to the Meeting?

"How are we to meet the invasion of our hearts and minds by the bitterness of the world?"

How can we face the fact that geographic distances we live from each other are not necessarily the cause of a lack of community?

How can we become more sensitive to the troubled people in our Meetings? Should the increase in divorce and family problems be a concern of the Meeting?

Our diversity has often torn us apart rather than strengthened. Have we also by-passed opportunities to create a "more receptive, purposeful, contemplative frame of mind for worship?" It is when we remember to listen to each other, appreciate our differences that growth can take place.

II. There have been many times of joy when we have been touched by the "wondrous grace of God:"

When we discovered that a sudden reduction in numbers made us look at our own individual spiritual lives more closely.

When we found that we could forbear one another "with benevolent sorrow."

When a tiny newspaper announcement of our Meeting helped people find us.

When we found a way for adults to share an occasional hour with young Friends.

When we found ourselves to be in the process of change without the certainty of knowing "where this is leading"—and found that discomfort and hope were the ingredients of our growth.

When involvement in committee work has ebbed and flowed and even "dimmed" we have

grown in our ability to care and in our efforts to help the deep needs and emergencies of individual members.

When we have found that a genuine sense of humor has helped us develop "greater understanding and affection between us in spite of eccentricity, orneriness and fallability."

When we have increasingly learned to "go with a tender step, giving unto others what has been given unto us."

When we have found that feeling part of the "larger world of Friends" is strengthening and satisfying.

When retreats, dialogues or study groups have given us a new insight into members of our Meeting whom we have previously not known very well.

III. Activities:

Our faith leads us to a widening commitment to Quaker activities including discussion groups, AFSC, FCL, Quaker dialogues, and speaking before high schools and churches; social action, including peace vigils, visits to congressmen, visits to jails and prisons, support of Farm Workers, and letter writing.

IV. There are things we would like to do when we are at our best:

We would like to keep the four forces of Quakerism in balance: mysticism, evangelicalism, rationalism and humanitarianism have always been a part of our corporate life. In Howard Brinton's *Friends for Three Hundred Years* we see clearly how these forces or elements have sometimes produced conflicts among us. Have we added other forces in this generation? How has the balance changed?

There have always been a few persons in our Meetings within whom all four elements balanced. Most of us find ourselves able to encompass one or two. When this happens we must learn that each of us needs the others so we can find corporate balance in order to find individual serenity and strength.

Our task is to find ways in which Friends with different gifts can find expression. If we are open we will take the risks necessary to find new/old patterns of combining the elements of Quakerism—ways that will free and enrich us all as we search and confront one another, letting Truth rise from our own fresh experience of the Inner Light.

Ministry and Oversight Committee
Southern California Quarterly Meeting

...From Quarterly Meetings

New Mexico Quarterly

Friends came together for Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, May 20, 1973 in Santa Fe. Friends arrived from Gallup, Albuquerque, Los Alamos, Las Vegas, Las Cruces and Taos. New to Santa Fe was Talley Sorenson. Guests from AFSC Pasadena, California were Kelly Peckham, Felix and Stella Montoya and their friend, Laura.

After a few moments of silence, Ted Church introduced Kelly Peckham and asked those present to give their names and Meetings. The 9 a.m. Meeting was called to discuss the proposed AFSC project for northern New Mexico. Most of the doubts expressed were a repetition of those voiced at the Winter Quarterly: (1) Being Anglo and having only a limited command of Spanish, the McAllisters might not be accepted by the people. (2) Would the McAllisters really appreciate the life style and intense pride of the Spanish American? (3) Could they overcome the distrust of outsiders and avoid a paternalistic attitude? (4) Shouldn't the McAllisters first establish residence and have some project or activity going while putting out feelers? (Ruth Hatcher mentioned a widowed friend in Taos who had a home she might like to donate to the AFSC for such a project.) (5) Had any contact been made with workers already in the area? Elmer and Gussie Schooley suggested locating in a village not already covered by the Presbyterians or unduly influenced by the La Raza activists. They also warned against romanticism and trying to keep the young people "down on the farm." Jim Andrew suggested leaving the McAllisters alone until they become established, but be available when they need to come to us. There was a short break before Meeting for Worship in the garden.

The Santa Fe Friends' garden was a beautiful spot in which to Worship; the weather was pleasant and the scent of lilacs filled the air. Vocal ministries included gratitude for the sense of love felt, a plea for faith in the McAllisters ability and an admonition to the young to work hard and have patience.

The Meeting for Worship was followed by a lunch of Kentucky Fried Chicken, salads and homemade breads and cookies provided by Santa Fe Friends. Before and after lunch, the children went to a nearby park to play and were supervised by Bill Brow and John Chamberlin.

PEGGY KESTER
Acting Recording Clerk

Willamette Quarterly

On Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6, Friends from all over Oregon met together at the Jennings Lodge Conference Grounds in suburban Portland for the May Willamette Quarterly Meeting. Hosted by Multnomah Monthly Meeting, the meeting was planned with a maximum of fellowship and worship, with opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and each other. Some attenders came only for Saturday's Worship and Business Meeting, leaving after the potluck dinner. Others spent a relaxing evening of singing and conversation and stayed overnight in the Lodge. Some attenders came after Sunday breakfast for Worship and Interest groups.

Action taken at the Meeting for Business included the recommendation that the Steering Committee of NPYM named three members to the Joint Discipline Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting; that the Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Oversight Committee be so constituted that there will be a continuing membership from year to year; that Ministry and Oversight plan a retreat of a meditative-philosophical nature to be held next year, and that Monthly Meetings invite other Monthly Meetings to their family-type retreats.

Haiku

Little Bobbing head
Ride, on
Dancing mother's back—
Old man laughs with you

HARVEY HOUSE

The Vows

As the river that flows ever onward,
So shall I with you. . . .
Passing through rocky, shallow waters
Adventuring with the swift, running rapids
Coming to a standstill where all is motionless
Cherishing the sandy depths of the river
As we flow together in perpetual love
. . . Let my words now be the essence;
I will give to you what I need to receive.

(from the marriage vows of Julia Pinney and Ron Sexton, June 2, 1973.)

Subcommittee on Homosexuality

The PYM Ministry and Oversight Subcommittee on Homosexuality has met four times since January. The members of the Subcommittee are Larry Jackson (Westwood), Clerk, Dennis Durby (Orange Grove), Micki Graham (Hayward Area), Gretchen Rudnick (La Jolla), and Bill Schlichter (Marloma).

The Subcommittee has been extremely active, reviewing available materials relating to the broad subject of homosexuality. Dialogue has occurred as members have explored in depth their own feelings and understandings of sexuality in general, and homosexuality more specifically, in the light of the attitudes and testimonies of the Religious Society of Friends. This searching after Truth has led us closer together in our understandings and has aided the process of growth in each of us. As we seek the guidance of the Light together, we have gathered in a spirit of thoughtfulness and love.

The Subcommittee will be sponsoring two interest groups at PYM, one on the first day of interest groups and one on the third. We are seeking information, feelings, minutes, and concern from Monthly Meetings and individual Friends centering around their experiences, current and past, relating to the subject of homosexuality and homophiles.

It is the Subcommittee's hope that many Friends of various persuasions on the subject will attend and participate in the interest groups. A list of Queries has been prepared by the Subcommittee and will be distributed at interest group time for consideration by those in attendance. The Subcommittee will be available throughout Yearly Meeting to receive concerns of Friends and for dialogue with Friends, and will welcome such sharing as time permits. Meetings or individuals wishing to direct written concerns or relate experiences are invited to submit them to the Subcommittee through the Clerk, Larry Jackson, 17522 Horace St., Granada Hills, CA 91344.

LARRY JACKSON, *Clerk*
M & O Subcommittee on Homosexuality

Gatherings - 1973

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